

cuts a number of sticks about two feet long, which he drives in the ground, ten in a row, and near four inches asunder, and opposite to them, such another row, at six or seven feet distance from the first, which made the length of his mat; then having fastened one end of his rope to one of the corner sticks, he brings it round the corner stick, and to the next at the other end, till he has laid his frame, then he weaves across shorter ropes of the same. When he had finished his mat, he beat it with a long stick, which made it swell up, and the grass being of a soft cottony nature, he had a warm and easy bed to lie on.

Being provided with the most necessary furniture, he thinks on more conveniences, resolving to make himself a table to eat his victuals upon, and a chair to sit on, these after two or three days hard labour he completed; and as winter was coming on, he made another longer but thinner mat to cover him.

That care being over, another succeeds, but of far greater moment: Here is a dwelling said he, to shelter me from the weather, and a bed to rest this poor body of mine; but where is the food to support it? At last, he resolves to make provision of those excel-

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lent roots, and with his hatchet cuts a piece of a tree, wherewith he makes a shovel, in order to dig them up with more ease. With this instrument he went to the place, which being near the monkies quarters, they came down off the trees in great numbers, grinning as if they would have flown at him.

Having stood a considerable time, those animals seeing he did not go forward, each went and scratched enough for itself, giving him the opportunity of digging a few for himself: And as he was not come to the place where they grew thick, he laid them in small heaps, as he dug them up; whilst those fly creatures would, whilst he was digging up more, come down from the trees and steal them away. Which obliged him to be contented for that time with as many as his pockets would hold; and fearing those animals, which are naturally very cunning, should dig them up, and hide them, he comes early the morning following to make his provision: And for want of a sack to put them in, he takes his jacket, which he buttons up, and ties at the sleeves; and as he had observed, that every root had abundance of off-sets hanging at it by small fibres, he pulled off his shirt also, of which he makes another sack to put them in: and finding